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STATE FINANCES

Kansas budget sees more cuts

By Aaron Weiser
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Gov. Mark Parkinson has been busy this month with the beginning of a new fiscal year. The numbers are in and being worked over as the 2009 fiscal year closes. Now, though, it seems that the budget has taken another hit for 2010.

"We had a budget set for 2010 and we were counting on a certain amount of revenue to start with," said Duane Goossen, director of the budget for Kansas.

According to Goossen, the state brought in \$150 million less than anticipated for 2009.

"The shortfall is income tax," Goossen said, "a combination of people working less and making less. Also, because the stock market is down, people haven't made money there, which does bring in a percentage of the revenue."

Parkinson announced last week that a little more than \$150 million in reductions has been applied to this year's budget. Goossen said even though the state legislation is not in session, the governor has the power to go ahead and make these cuts.

With those reductions, the budget is balanced again. This

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CITY COMMISSION

Zoning change approved

By Rico van Buskirk
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The Manhattan City Commission unanimously passed an ordinance to rezone property for a retail strip mall and hotel Tuesday night.

Eric Cattell, assistant director of planning for the city of Manhattan, presented the ordinance that now zones a two-acre tract of property at the intersection of South 17th and Yuma streets as commercial plan unit development district.

City statute requires residents living within 200 feet of the area to be notified of potential rezoning. Two residents voiced their reservations with the development plan. A concern shared by opposing residents was a perceived lack of actual community awareness that went into the consideration of the rezoning.

"I doubt anyone in the neighborhood would object to that site being redeveloped," said Eric Banner, Manhattan resident who spoke to the commission. "But we'd like to see it reflect the neighborhood."

The hotel will be constructed directly across from Young's Park on Yuma. The strip mall retail space will face Fort Riley Boulevard and will be separated from the hotel by a parking lot.

Banner recommended that the parking lot of the hotel and strip mall be constructed on the north side of the property and the hotel be constructed on the south side, just north of Fort Riley Boulevard.

Citing low marketability for the retail space, the development group dismissed any notion that the hotel might increase traffic through the otherwise quiet area along Yuma at South 17th.



Bursts of freedom





Left: One member of a motorcade displays his patriotism with an Uncle Sam suit during the Sundown Salute parade in Junction City Saturday morning. Right: Fort Riley soldiers from the 1st Infantry Division serve as a color guard as they march in the parade.

'Pyro Crew' volunteers light up Wamego sky

By Rebecca Bush
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Sundown Salute honors Fort Riley soldiers

By Hannah Blick
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Manhattan 'Thunder' success despite economy

By Shane Bishop
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FRIDAY, 3 P.M.

As the sun beats down on the Wamego Recreation Complex, three men in lime green shirts sit in the shade of a dugout, discussing plans for what is billed as the largest volunteer hand-fired fireworks show in the Midwest.

"Some people hear the word 'volunteer' and think it means 'amateur,' which is contrary to how it actually is," said Chris Hupe, a lead organizer of Wamego's 14-member "Pyro Crew." "I think all fireworks are great, but I think this show is particularly stunning. Really, I think it speaks for itself."

Hupe said he volunteered to help take charge of the city's annual display to ensure Wamego's annual celebration continued to live up to the memories of his childhood.

The Fourth of July is more than just the nation's birthday for the Keeter family – it's a chance to honor the military men and women who serve for their freedom, including their husband and father, Robert Keeter.

Robert, an assault helicopter battalion operations officer, was dressed in fatigues on Saturday to march in the parade during Junction City's Sundown Salute Independence Day celebration with many other soldiers stationed in Fort Riley.

His wife, Denise Keeter, said she is grateful to the Junction City community for supporting the troops stationed locally.

"We really feel like the Midwest is very patriotic," she said. "We've met people in restaurants around town who will see him in his uniform and then just come

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NISTAC under review after recent audit

By Aaron Weiser
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The National Institute for Strategic Technology Acquisition Commercialization, NISTAC, recently announced that its board of directors will be asked to oversee an in-depth review of the recent findings published by Grant Thornton LLP, in the exit audit prepared for K-State.

The audit indicated there was concern with issues arising due to conflicts of interest in the personnel, shareholders and board positions.

"Under the guidance of the NISTAC board chairman, Dr. Ron Trewyn, the board will be putting into place a thorough process to review the Grant Thornton report and to make recommendations to the full NISTAC board for best practices and improvements that can be made to the organization and its operating procedures," said Kent Glasscock, president of NISTAC. "It will be important to let that process take its course."

In 2004, NISTAC was the new name given to the Mid-America



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The National Institute for Strategic Technology Acquisition Commercialization (NISTAC) will be investigated after recent findings in an audit of K-State after President Jon Wefald's retirement.

ica Commercialization Corporation, marking the expansion of the program into other regions throughout the nation. This program's design was to match non-profit entities with their complementary ideas and projects.

According to Trewyn, when the

MACC began, corporations could donate intellectual projects and portfolios to non-profit groups for development.

"An idea that brings in only a few million dollars worth of revenue may not be of interest to large corporations, but it would be to a small

city in Kansas," Trewyn said.

Concerns have risen in the community since the audit was published, and citizens have written to the city, trying to find out what they think is the "true story."

One man trying to voice a point of interest for city council members and citizens is City Commissioner Loren Pepperd, who was elected to the Manhattan City Commission in April for a four-year term.

"The bottom line is that the property, NISTAC, is owned by the city and it's only as good for us as the people that run it," Pepperd said.

Pepperd said his main concern is that when the audit came out, it noted flaws in the policy of NISTAC. Since there are many university heads, members of the chamber of commerce and city heads, there are many areas where conflicts of interest are occurring. Another of his concerns is the return to taxpayers and whether what is being accomplished with NISTAC is worth the investment.

"I am very happy with the way President Schulz is handling [the audit]," Pepperd said.

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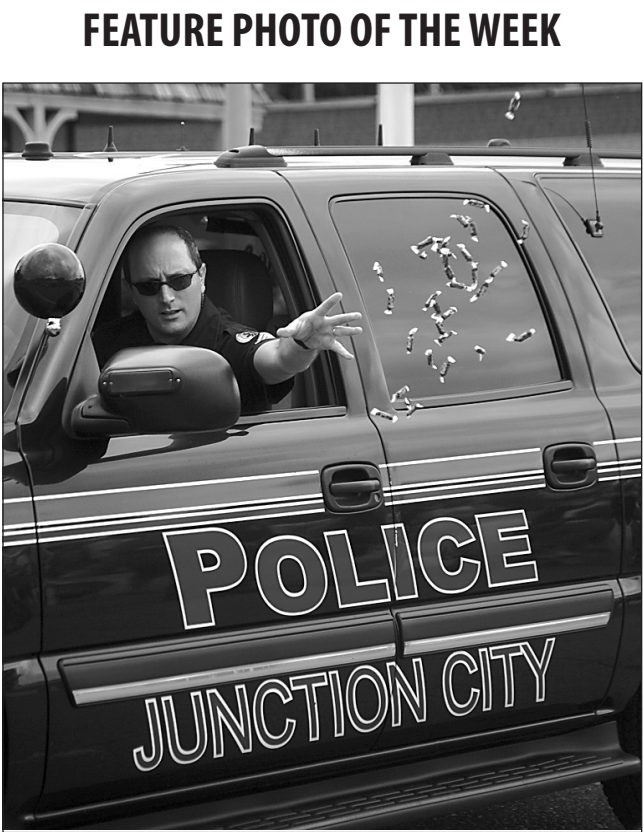
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THIS DAY IN HISTORY ...

MACARTHUR NAMED KOREAN COMMANDER

The day after the U.N. Security Council recommended that all U.N. forces in Korea be placed under the command of the U.S. military, General Douglas MacArthur, the hero of the war against Japan, was appointed head of the United Nations Command by President Harry S. Truman.

After North Korea invaded South Korea on June 25, 1950, MacArthur was appointed supreme commander of the U.S.-led U.N. force sent to aid the South. In September, he organized a risky but highly successful landing at Inchon, and by October North Korean forces had been driven back across the 38th parallel. With President Truman's approval, U.N. forces crossed into North Korea and advanced all the way to the Yalu River - the border between North Korea and communist China - despite warnings that this would

provoke Chinese intervention. When China did intervene, forcing U.N. forces into a desperate retreat, MacArthur pressed for permission to bomb China. President Truman, fearing the Cold War implications of an expanded war in the Far East, refused. MacArthur then publicly threatened to escalate hostilities with China in defiance of Truman's stated war policy, leading Truman to fire him on April 11, 1951.

For his action against General MacArthur, the celebrated hero of the war against Japan, Truman was subjected to a torrent of attacks, and some Republicans called for his impeachment. On April 17, MacArthur returned to U.S. soil for the first time since before World War II and was given a hero's welcome. Two days later, he announced the end of his military career, declaring, "Old soldiers never die; they just fade away." He died in 1964.

—history.com

Also this week in history:

- 1776: The Liberty Bell rings
- 1789: French revolutionaries storm Bastille
- 1804: Aaron Burr kills Alexander Hamilton in duel
- 1846: U.S. takes San Francisco
- 1861: Wild Bill Hickok's first gunfight
- 1877: Wimbledon tournament begins
- 1925: Scopes Monkey Trial begins
- 1948: Satchel Paige makes debut with Cleveland Indians
- 1951: Record-breaking floods hit Kansas, including Manhattan
- 1985: Live Aid concert
- 1999: U.S. women win World Cup

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WEIRD NEWS

ARKANSAS MAN SENTENCED FOR LIVING IN PENNSYLVANIA ATTIC

WILKES-BARRE, Pa. - An Arkansas man who lived in a Pennsylvania family's attic for more than a week has been sentenced to jail time.

Stanley Wayne Carter was sentenced Tuesday in Luzerne County Court to nine to 23 months in jail. He pleaded guilty in May to burglary, trespassing and other offenses.

The 21-year-old from Trumann, Ark., apologized again to homeowner Stacy Ferrance and her family.

In addition to living in the attic, Carter stole belongings from the Plains Township house while Ferrance and her children were out.

Carter had been staying with Ferrance's neighbors. But when they asked him to leave, he went into the attic shared by the two homes and lived there for 10 days.

MAN 'DRIVING COMMANDO' PULLED OVER FOR SPEEDING

RISING SUN, Md. - A Delaware man faces drunken driving charges after he was pulled over for speeding in northeastern Maryland and a sheriff's deputy noticed he wasn't wearing any pants. A spokesman for the Cecil County Sheriff's Office says 41-year-old Jonathan Schultz "was driving commando."

The spokesman, Lt. Bernard Chiminto, said Schultz was stopped Saturday near Rising Sun

for going 69 mph in a 50-mph zone.

The deputy smelled alcohol and noticed that Schultz was partially covered by a towel from the waist down. The Newark, Del., resident told the deputy he'd lost his pants, but the deputy didn't find any pants in the car.

Online court records did not indicate that Schultz had an attorney, and an attempt to reach him at a relative's home was unsuccessful.

WALLET STOLEN IN 1982 FOUND IN NYC TREE; \$20 GONE

NEW YORK - Money doesn't grow on trees, but a tree-care supervisor in New York City's Central Park found an old wallet inside a dead one.

The blue leather wallet had been stolen by a pickpocket 27 years ago. It was found in the hollow of a dying cherry tree. It was near where Ruth Bendik had hers swiped while she watched the New York City Marathon in 1982.

The 69-year-old Upper East Side resident says the only thing missing was \$20 in cash. Her credit cards were still there. So were her student ID from Columbia University Teachers College and an employee ID from Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center.

The park worker says he found the wallet last week under five feet of compost. Police tracked down Bendik the next day.

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Campaign on hold due to economy, administration changes

By Tim Schrag
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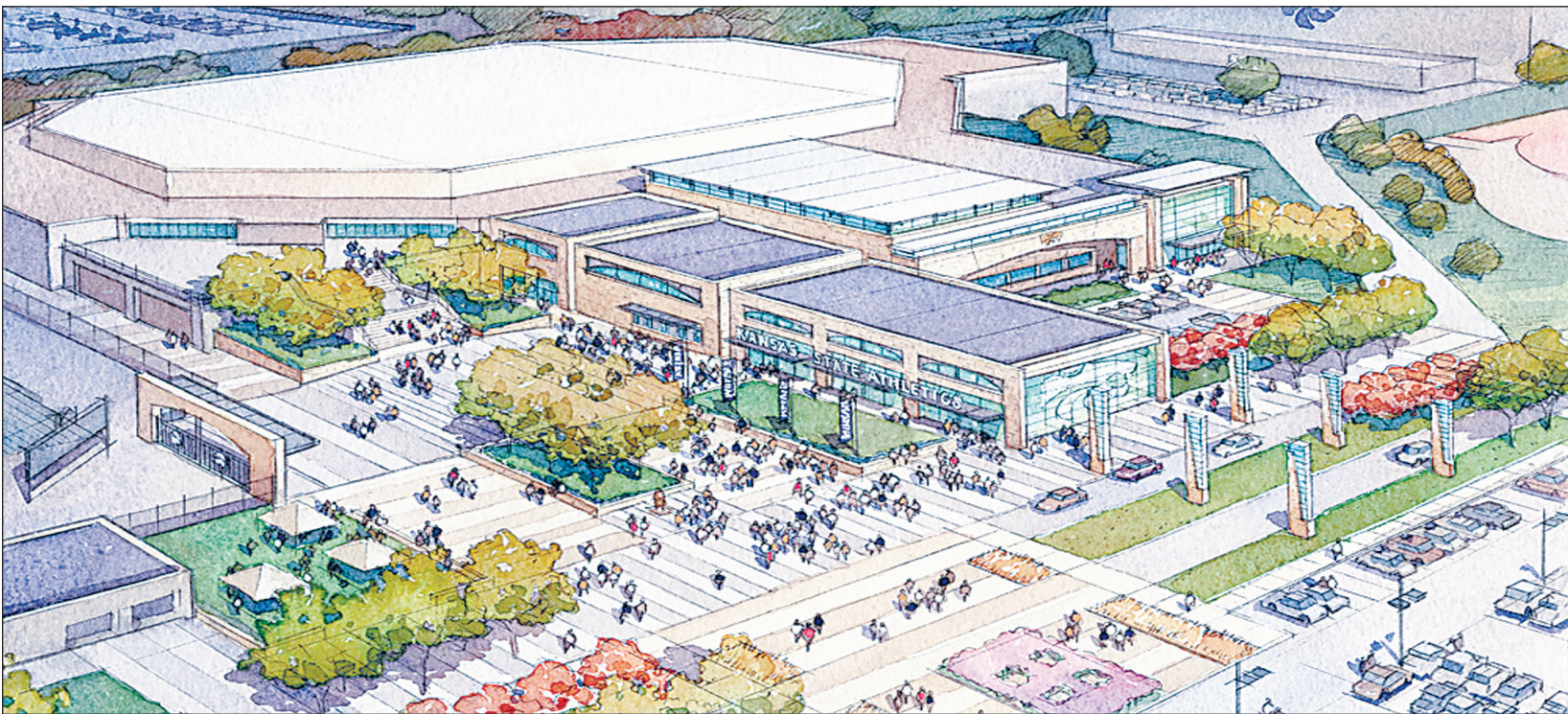
On June 29, President Kirk Schulz and Athletic Director John Currie announced that a hold will be temporarily placed on the Wildcat Victory Campaign for K-State athletics during a forum in Forum Hall.

According to the K-State athletics Web site, the campaign is a \$70 million initiative to expand the facilities within the athletic department. Of the proposed \$70 million, \$35 million would come from a bond that would be paid through department revenues and the other \$35 million would come from donations from the community.

“Prior to my arrival as athletics director, decisions had already been made to slow the pace of the development,” Currie said.

The project was in the early stages of planning before being placed on hold according to Bruce Shubert, vice president for administration and finance.

According to *Kstatesports.com*, the campaign is to be completed in two phases. Phase one will



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Plans for expansion to the athletic department’s facilities, known as the Wildcat Victory campaign, have been put on hold.

include the additions of a Wildcat Experience museum and Hall of Fame, a new athletic ticket office and a basketball complex,

complete with two practice courts, men’s and women’s locker room upgrades, new coaches’ offices, an ex-

panded weight training facility and a media relations room.

Phase two will include renovations to the west side of Snyder Family Stadium and a drive lane to serve as the primary entrance to the athletic department during

regular business hours.

Shubert said he was not surprised by the decision to place the campaign on hold.

“It was a rational decision to stop and evaluate during a time in which so many things have changed

the economy, the administration and structural changes within athletics,” Shubert said.

Most of the departments involved have stressed the need to review the athletic department’s needs and reprioritize them based on

fundability, before restarting the project.

Schulz said the decision to restart the campaign is at the athletic director’s discretion.

“When John decides it’s time, we’ll discuss it and move forward,” Schulz said.

‘Camp Shakespeare’ aims to liven high school classrooms through plays, acting

By Hannah Blick
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Ten high school teachers from around the state are at K-State for summer camp. But instead of hiking and canoeing, they are studying Shakespeare – or rather, how to teach it.

The department of English is hosting the high school English and theater teachers for “Camp Shakespeare,” from Tuesday through Friday, said Don Hedrick, camp director and professor of English. He said participants are spending each day doing hands-on activities, hearing presentations and sharing ideas about how to teach Shakespeare’s work effectively to high school students.

“Shakespeare is hard to teach,” Hedrick said. “A lot of these people are doing it well, but hopefully this will help make it easier to get students excited about it.”

There will be a presentation at 1:30 today in Nichols Theater titled “Iambic pentameter and other monsters from the deep,” by Ralph Cohen. Cohen is the director of the American Shakespeare Center, located in Staunton, Va.

“It should be a lively discussion,” Hedrick said. “I think the community would really enjoy it, especially anyone in education.”

Hedrick said the camp includes study of several different Shakespearean plays, but the teachers are focusing particularly on “Hamlet.”

“We did a poll of the teachers and that’s what they chose to look at,” he said. “‘Hamlet’ is taught a lot in most high schools.”

Teachers have been watching and discussing film adaptations of plays and learning methods for engaging students in learning how the plays work, said Michael Donnelly, associate professor of English and camp presenter. He said camp organizers have brought in K-State theater students and Manhattan High School students to work with the teachers in acting out scenes.

“We try to get the teachers involved in visualizing the scenes and then hope they can take this back to their students,” Donnelly said.

This is the first “Camp Shakespeare” at K-State, and Hedrick said faculty and students are excited about it.

“We’d love to get funding to do it again next year,” he said.

People who might be interested in getting involved in “Camp Shakespeare” in the future or who have questions about today’s presentation by Cohen can contact Hedrick at hedrick@ksu.edu.

WHAT: “Iambic Pentameter and Other Monsters from the Deep.”

WHO: Presented by Ralph Cohen, director of the American Shakespeare Center

WHEN: 1:30 p.m. today

WHERE: Nichols Theater
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Michele Benefiel, Derby High School teacher, hits her partner Chris Stiles, Concordia High School teacher, with a rolled-up piece of paper during “Camp Shakespeare” in Nichols Theatre Tuesday afternoon. Benefiel and Stiles were acting out a scene from Shakespeare’s “King Lear.”

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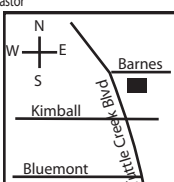
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New Bio- and Agro-Defense Facility could bring revenue, but is it worth it?

Well, it's official: The National Bio- and Agro-Defense Facility will be moving onto the K-State campus. Like many of you folks – especially those who are currently afflicted with hoof-and-mouth disease – I am excited.

Finally, a research facility that will cater to us rubes who can't stop ingesting the feces of or copulating with our diseased livestock.

Seriously though, I am excited about NBAF – about the money it will bring to the Manhattan area as well as the potential for an extremely hazardous outbreak of highly toxic biological organisms.

Actually, "terrified" would be a bet-

ter word than "excited" for that last one, but still, there's a wave of adrenaline coursing through my body. For the past three nights, in fact, I have been lying in bed, wide-eyed, just imagining all the possibilities.

The mere thought of all those NBAF scientists bringing their huge pocketbooks to Manhattan-area businesses has me all giddy.

Just imagine, folks: By day these scientists will be handling rare, noxious diseases, and by night they will be eating at the local Dairy Queen.

One minute they will be handling the deadly Hendra virus, the next minute they will be buying a Barney and Friends lunchbox for their kids at K-Mart. Who cares about the recession now? We've got NBAF!

On the downside, should an accident or terrorist attack on the NBAF fa-

cility occur, the K-State campus will become like the tenth level of hell, with students and faculty running for their lives as a large toxic plume of airborne viruses enters the local atmosphere. After those in the vicinity breathe in these deadly toxins, they will most likely puke out their internal organs and bleed through their eyeballs.

Not that I'm trying to scare you. I'm sure that NBAF, when it comes to Manhattan, will be a great asset to K-State and to Kansas in general. There is no reason to panic. In fact, I am intrigued by the notion of possessing a third or fourth arm or a glow-in-the-dark head, just so long as it means getting some extra cash in the university, city and state coffers.

Money is the point, after all, and though Texas lawmakers have been fighting Kansas to wrest the NBAF re-

search facility from its future home – even threatening legal action because of what they claim was an unfair selection process by the Department of Homeland Security – perhaps we can all take comfort in the fact that, after a long, tiring, and costly lawsuit, Kansas will probably prevail. Maybe. Probably. It will.

Then, in our triumph, and for many years to come, Kansans can bask in the pale blush of sunlight creeping through a dense mixture of smoke billowing from the new coal-fired power plants out west and green-tinted fumes emanating from the NBAF facility right here in our local community. The neon sunsets alone will be worth it.

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CHANCE YORK

Government should focus on domestic problems

Since its inception, the United States of America has gradually grown to become the world's superpower. Many Americans have known this since birth; it is seen as natural for our government to play a role in other countries' affairs. However, in a time of extreme economic crisis and with unemployment at a 26-year high, perhaps it is time for the U.S. to worry less about being every country's big brother and start fixing our own problems. With the recent celebration of Independence Day, I think it is proper for the government to take some time and actually work for the citizens who elect them.

The recent elections in Iran should have been a starting point for Congress to worry less about world events not directly affecting U.S. citizens. When the elections in Iran were complete and supporters of re-

former Mir-Hossein Mousavi took to the streets to protest, many conservatives attacked President Obama for remaining quiet.

On June 22, CBS News Political Hotsheet ran an article about the GOP attacks on Obama that quoted Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.) as saying, "The president of the United States is supposed to lead the free world, not follow it."

Graham also stated that Obama was being timid and passive. This attack is ironic since the GOP would like a weak federal government, and with it, a weak presidency.

Perhaps Graham feels a better tactic would be to drive tanks into Tehran and take over Iran's government to force a re-vote.

This distraction was not limited to one Congressperson. *Thehill.com* reported June 20 that the Iranian dispute was the hot topic of the week, dividing the Senate. I feel for the Iranian citizens' situation, but there are more pressing matters in America.

As the senators conversed about Iran, the U.S. climate change bill, known as HR 2454, passed in the House of Representatives and is still

awaiting a vote from the Senate. It is ridiculous that the Senate will discuss something over which it has absolutely no control, but cannot get together to push serious legislation to create jobs and assist those without jobs.

On June 25, USA Today reported, "The U.S. Agency for International Development, which reports to the secretary of state, has for the last year been soliciting applications for \$20 million in grants to 'promote democracy, human rights and the rule of law in Iran.' According to the agency's Web site, the final deadline for grant applications is June 30."

Today, when blue-collar Americans find their backs against the wall, there must be a place in the U.S. that would benefit from \$20 million in federal grant monies.

I respect the relationships America has around the world, but I disagree that the world should always look to America to play big brother. Even Hollywood acknowledges America's dominant position in the world.

In the recent movie *Transformers: Rise of the Fallen*, it is the Amei-

can president who pulls the clearance of the Autobots and demands that they leave the planet. Smirk at the example, but there is no other person that Hollywood could believably put in that position. However, that position is hardly helping our 9.5 percent of unemployed Americans find work.

Democracy has worked well for America, but that does not make it our responsibility to support democracy around the world fiscally when our own economy is drowning.

At the base of the Statue of Liberty there is a plaque that contains the words, "Give Me Your Tired, Your Poor, Your Huddled Masses Yearning to Breathe Free." The masses are here; they are sick, they are poor, and they are tired of breathing false freedom. It is imperative that our government gets to the business of financially securing our country first. America won't be number one if our leaders continue to put American interests on the back burner.

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JASON MILLER

Students should use finance resources to spend wisely

TO THE POINT is an editorial selected and debated by the editorial board and written after a majority opinion is formed. This is the Collegian's official opinion.

The Kansas State Treasury Department has launched a new Web site that aims to help people with money management. The site, "Tomorrow's money: A step-by-step guide," is

a tool to help Kansans with their personal finances.

Retirement might seem a long way off. However, students should be planning for their futures. If one starts saving early, it is much easier to accumulate money from earning interest. Even adding a small amount to a savings account each month can add up over time.

The Web site is easy to use, has tips, and additional information about savings

and investing. After putting in financial information – it doesn't ask about any personal information – the site offers advice personalized for the user. This can be helpful for anyone who has no idea about finances.

There are budget and retirement calculators that can help if people need further help in those areas. Also, tips about credit and investing are available, as well as additional links and contacts.

By adding an e-mail address, people can even get monthly reminders to save and invest.

Money management is important. It is especially so for students who can start saving early to be prepared when retirement comes around. Students should appreciate and use the resources provided to them by the treasury department.

The Web site is available at <http://kansas.tomorrow-money.org>.

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STREET TALK

Q: Now that Sarah Palin has resigned as governor of Alaska, what career path do you think she will pursue?



Wallisch

"She'll probably get a show on Fox, or maybe write a book."

Eric Wallisch,
SENIOR IN PSYCHOLOGY



Stuewe

"She'll continue to have an active role in politics; I'm pretty sure she's looking to 2012 ... But unless she improves her political knowledge, I don't think the Republican party will give her much of a chance."

Travis Stuewe,
SENIOR IN ECONOMICS



Whearty

"I think she'll just retire."

Kenny Whearty,
CAMPUS
CONSTRUCTION
WORKER



Baus

"I think she's pre-planning her campaign run."

Veronica Baus,
SENIOR IN MARKETING



Rodriguez

"I don't think she'll run for president; she'll probably just help whoever runs with their campaign."

Andrea Rodriguez,
INCOMING FRESHMAN
IN PRE-VETERINARY
MEDICINE

Blood drive to help with summer donor shortage

By Hannah Blick
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The American Red Cross will sponsor a blood drive on campus next week.

Students, faculty and community members can donate from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. July 14 and 15 on the second floor of the K-State Student Union, said Kristi Ingalls, donor recruitment representative for the Red Cross.

Though there is normally a good donor turnout for summer blood drives, the Red Cross has been experiencing shortages this summer, most likely due to farm-

ers harvesting later and people traveling more than usual, Ingalls said.

The goal for this summer's campus drive is 120 pints of blood, which would include donations from about 156 people, Ingalls said. She thinks this is an achievable goal for Manhattan and K-State.


"We're just trying to get anyone who's eligible to come in and give their life-saving pint of blood," she said.

To donate blood, people must be at least 16 years old, weigh 110 pounds or more and be in general good health, Ingalls said. Donors

should start doubling up on fluid intake two days before they give blood, as well as adding more iron-rich foods to their diet. These foods include red meat, spinach, broccoli and sunflower seeds.

Also, donors should bring a photo ID and a list of any medications they take to the drive site, she said. There will be a canteen area for donors to have a drink and snack after they give blood, and everyone who donates will receive a free T-shirt.

Ingalls said the Red Cross is also short on volunteers this summer, so the staff would appreciate any help. People interested in volunteering at the campus blood drive should contact Ingalls at ingallsk@usa.redcross.org. There are no requirements to help with the blood drive.



COLLEGIAN FILE PHOTO

The K-State Student Union and Putnam Hall were the sites of the annual spring blood drive for the American Red Cross in April. The organization will sponsor another campus blood drive next week.

Money management guide to help Kansans handle finances

By Hannah Blick
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Kansas officials are working to help the state move toward a stronger economic future, starting with a Web site.

The state treasury department recently launched a money management Web site called "Tomorrow's money: A step-by-step guide for today." According to State Treasurer Dennis McKinney, the site is aimed at Kansans who are seeking advice on saving, investing and spending their money.

"The more we empower families today, the more we add to our economy in the future," McKinney said. "This site is one tool to get that done."

The treasurer also said the site has options for people of all ages, from young adults to single parents to elderly citizens.

"We are trying to increase financial literacy among Kansans,"

McKinney said. "These are some basic steps to get them started."

Eric Higgins, head of the K-State department of finance, said he's looked into the new site and thinks it's a good place for students to visit if they're struggling with handling their money, or even if they're not.

"In all our finance classes here at K-State, we're always telling students to start saving early, and that's what this Web site seems to be encouraging, too," he said. "I always tell students, 'That's the No. 1 thing.'"

Higgins said some areas of the Web site seem to be over the average money handler's head, and he thinks the state should be more basic on some subjects. However, he commended the effort put into making the site bilingual in Spanish

and English and accessible for Kansans of all ages and backgrounds.

"It's a good resource," Higgins said. "I'm just really glad to see the state taking initiative on this."

Jacquie Dewbre, senior in business finance and promotions chair for Student Finance Association, said she sees the site as a way for students who might be embarrassed to discuss their finances with an adviser to receive anonymous help.

"They have the option to plug in their information and get advice, but then it's their decision whether or not they use it," she said.

The software for the Web site was developed by the Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association, a trade group that represents financial companies

around the world, McKinney said. The state discovered the software last spring and then worked with SIFMA to personalize it and place a link on the treasurer's Web site. The process took several months, and the site was launched on June 29.

Ty Regnier, controller for SFA and senior in finance and accounting, said he tried out the Web site for himself, but was not impressed.

"It was a little vague and not necessarily the most accurate," he said. "My results were not what I practice and what I learn in all my finance classes."

Regnier said while he thinks the site is a great way to get students thinking about their money, they should look into other resources to go a little deeper with their savings and investments. He also said the site had limited options in some areas.

"The minimum age choice was 25 – I'd like to see that go down to 18," Regnier said.

TRY IT OUT

To visit "Tomorrow's Money," go to www.kansasstatetreasurer.com and click on the logo link halfway down the page.

BUDGET | Kansas group states hope for no more tax increases, offers possible solutions

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year's budget has been cut dramatically from last year's spending.

According to a statement issued by Americans for Prosperity-Kansas in response to the governor's budget cuts, Kansans are in a situation where the goal for today is to have an ending balance of zero.

AFP-Kansas State Director Derrick Sontag

said that two years ago there was \$934 million in the government account. Now, he is hoping for zero.

The AFP, which has been involved with two tax "tea parties" this year, has been largely responsible for addressing public concern about the budget crisis.

"With this kind of financial picture, and with the assumption that tax revenue will not

improve anytime soon, it's our concern that some lawmakers during the 2010 legislative session will attempt to ask Kansas taxpayers for more in the form of tax increases," Sontag said. "The drop-off in income tax collections is a signal that Kansas families and businesses are taxed enough already. Now is not the time to be increasing their tax burden."

Goodbye Sort returns to Aggieville

By Tiffany Roney
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Those looking for something a little different this weekend might want to head to Auntie Mae's Parlor for a "high-energy" concert by Goodbye Sort.

The self-proclaimed "indie-rock" band started to receive attention during the spring semester, but they quit performing when lead singer Dave Spiker moved in May. Now, Goodbye Sort is back together for one last show.

"This is probably one of the most unique bands to come out of Manhattan in a long time," said

Jeff Denney, owner of Auntie Mae's, in a news release. "They are super high-energy. All of their songs are three minutes or less. And their lead singer swings the mic like a helicopter blade. You have to see it to believe it."

The concert is at 10:30 p.m. Friday.

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THE EDGE



Former student on a mission to travel with no vehicle gives tips, tricks

By Tiffany Roney
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

A crazy-looking man stands on the side of the highway. His messy, sun-bleached hair, dirty clothes and multiple bags suggest something between “homeless person” and “beach bum.” Maybe both.

As your car approaches, something catches your attention – his sign says he is heading for K-State. Do you pick up the hitchhiker, or do you pass him by? In this case, to continue driving might mean missing out on the opportunity to have an adventure and make a new friend.

“It’s way more adventurous than driving – you get to meet cool people, and you get into all sorts of different situations,” said Aaron Bell, the 25-year-old hitchhiker mentioned above. Kyle Wheeler, 25,

Bell’s friend and fellow hitchhiker, cited “different situations” as a primary reason for their method of travel.

“The reason we do it is personal – for us to travel, for us to see new people, for us to have a different experience than most people,” Wheeler said. “It takes us out of our comfort zone. We have to go with the flow, we have to be flexible – we can’t be stuck in a rut.”

HIS WAY

Flexibility is a way of life for Bell, who has been hitchhiking around the world for seven years. He said he can get anywhere in the U.S. from Kansas in three days – and he’ll bet a \$300 plane ticket on it. He even wrote a book on the topic, “The Evolution of Hitchhiking.”

Bell said his personal “evolution” spawned from the wide array of people he has met through his hitchhiking.

“On one ride, you might ride with a rancher – the next ride, you might ride with a CIA guy, or someone working on a police station in New Mexico, or someone who does work you’d never think of, like building barbed wire fences along the interstate,” Bell said. “You just meet people from all walks of life.”

Bell himself is from an unusual walk of life. In addition to his hitchhiking adventures, Bell taught speech classes at K-State and graduated in 2008 with a master’s degree in communication studies. He is now a high school speech teacher in Austin, Texas.

“He has two different lifestyles,” said Emily Fenwick, graduate student in geology and Bell’s girlfriend.

“He’s responsible on one end, and he has his life together – then he makes time for his adventures. So he’s not a hobo. He’s educated, but he still hitchhikes. He transcends both classes. He breaks the stereotype.”

HIS PAST

Wheeler, also a high school teacher, said drivers who pick up him and Bell are usually “shocked” when they mention their jobs.

“When they find out that we are teachers, they see us as contributing members of society and that we’re not just mooching on people for rides,” he said. “They get to appreciate us on the same level they are on.”

Most drivers, though, never get the chance to know Bell and his hitchhiking buddies and instead believe stereotypes that all hitchhikers are crazy and dangerous, like the serial killer portrayed in *The Hitcher*, a 2007 movie.

While Bell does not fit that stereotype, he’s also not the typical “man on the street.” Another example of Bell’s unconventional lifestyle is his bike taxi service – pedaling on his bicycle to pull benches of passengers – which he ran in Aggieville from 2007 to 2008.

HIS FUTURE

Bell said he plans to continue his travels, stopping back in Manhattan whenever he gets the chance. He said he will spend the rest of the summer in British Columbia and go to South Africa next summer for the World Cup. In between, he will teach and pedal his bike taxi.

To see a slideshow with photos, stories and tips from Bell’s hitchhiking travels, visit www.slide-share.net/elfenwick/the-evolution-of-hitchhiking.

Aaron Bell catches some sleep while trying to hitchhike from Texas to Mexico. He uses typed signs and other props to attract driver’s attention.
COURTESY PHOTOS



“The reason we do it is *PERSONAL* – for us to travel, for us to see new people, for us to have a different experience than most people. It takes us out of our *COMFORT ZONE*. We have to go with the flow, we have to be flexible – we can’t be stuck in a rut.”

– Kyle Wheeler
Hitchhiker

MUSIC REVIEW

New metal album finds depth in pessimistic lyrics



“Killswitch Engage”

★★★★☆

Album review by Bethany Fief

Killswitch Engage’s new album, released June 30, brings metal fans new intense tracks filled with the infamous Killswitch Engage sound.

The album has dark, almost death-metal yelling with strong guitar riffs that are combined with more melodic vocals, usually in the refrains.

This work provides great variety by alternating between tempos, vocals and instrumental composition.

Though this is the band’s second self-titled album, it is somewhat different than the past productions from the band. It has a bit of a darker edge to it, but still maintains the Engage sound any fan would recognize.

The opening track, “Starting Over,” has a Dragonforce-like in-

troductory with heavy guitar riffs and the usual yelling/screaming from lead singer Howard Jones. The lyrics are depressing but draw upon the depth of the music.

The track “Reckoning” has a bit too much noise and not enough music in the verses.

The refrain lacks instrumental depth.

“Curse” has some phenomenal rapid riffs with a flowing melodic chorus.

“Daylight Dies” is one of the most negative songs on the album with lyrics, “This place is evil/We stare in insult/This world is vile.”

Even though the lyrics might be pessimistic, they dig deeper by relating to their view on today’s world.

The tempo is slow for the band’s typical sound, but Jones’ vocals keep the dark edge and metal thrashing in it.

Killswitch Engage has excelled at promoting the new album with various packages available for purchase online that include a new CD/DVD, limited-edition T-shirts, posters and fan club membership. The group has also put up the album on its *Myspace.com* page for a streaming availability.

The band has some extensive touring lined up, which will be a great opportunity for members to expand their fan base to other areas.

MY LIFE AS AN AWKWARD GRAD STUDENT

Anxious, restless spirit leads to friends’ ‘Project: do’ pact

“Edward’s amazing...” Kellie said from across the aisle. We were on a bus



ADAM REICHENBERGER

“Of course he is,” I responded. And followed in my head with: “So is the Lady Ashley, which is how I got here in the first place.”

Brett said the Lady Ashley – as she’s sometimes called in “The Sun Also Rises” – has made me and ruined me in so many ways.

But what occurred to me, among other things, is that I did not want to be coming back to Manhattan. I travel. It’s what I do. And as a traveler, you know it’s the pits if you already want to leave your home before you’ve returned to it.

The last time I felt that way, I ended up in southwest South Dakota that same night. That whole “it’s

good to be home” thing – I’ve never experienced it. But the few summer travel plans I had – which were more just pleasant ideas than actual plans – had faded due to a lack of funds. For weeks after Chicago, I was going nuts. I was antsy. I was bored.

Luckily I had several friends come to visit. In June, nine friends came to stay with us. That’s always a treat, plus the clean-up gives me something to do for a whole day after they’ve left.

But still ... I was restless. Anxious, even. I spent one night driving around until the sun came up just to see it over the Konza – which, of course, was closed.

So I sent the e-mails; I got on the phone. In the e-mails, I found Scott in China, and we came up with “project: do.”

Basically, he comes up with something for me to do and provides a time frame and if I don’t complete it, I have to pay him \$5. Task 1: make out with a coworker in the walk-in cooler. The rest of my life is awkward ... why shouldn’t work be, too?

On the phone I found an adventure, and this is

where I need your help. Downtime and I have a bet. He’s in northern Wisconsin now. Big Lake, to be exact.

From what I can gather it’s just a big lake. Well, I’ve a bet with him that I can get there for fewer than \$40. That’s food, travel, sleep, everything ... forty bucks.

How I pull it off and when is completely up in the air. I just have to do it. I’m fully confident I can through hitching or whatever. However, if any of you are up for a fun little trip, then I’d be more than willing to pay our way back if you pay our way there. Especially if I’ve never met you, I can assure you it will be a blast ... but it’s your call. Find me.

When I returned from Chicago I sat in my bed, reading Fitzgerald, when I received a message from Kellie that read something like: “Thanks again for everything! It was so much fun ...”

“Yes,” I thought, in Hemingway’s own words, without replying, “Isn’t it pretty to think so?”

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Kite’s among top college sports bars

By Justin Moss
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Kite’s Grille and Bar has advanced to the championship for the title of Ultimate College Sports Bar.

The contest started June 2 on The Redshirt Files with an open call for nominations. After votes were submitted, the list of nominated sports bars was condensed to 16.

“I didn’t even know that our name was in the contest until I received news that our bar was one of the top 16 in the nation,” said Rusty Wilson, owner of Kite’s.

The “Ultimate College Sports Bar Showdown” has been picked up by several media sources including ESPN, Sports Illustrated, WIBW and several radio stations.

Kite’s workers said they are excited to be part of one of the top two college sports bars in the nation.

“It is so cool that our bar has been selected for this [contest]. My sister that just moved up from Texas said that people were talking about the championship down



COLLEGIAN FILE PHOTO

Kite’s Grille and Bar has been a part of Manhattan for more than 55 years and is currently competing for the title of “Ultimate College Sports Bar,” representing K-State against Clemson University.

there – everyone knows about it,” said Christi Nelson, assistant manager of Kite’s in Aggieville.

Kite’s has been part of Manhattan for more than 55 years and has been a favorite for thousands of K-State students and Manhattan residents.

“When put into per-

spective, it’s awesome to see that Kite’s is one of the top two college sports bars in the nation,” Wilson said. “We are very honored that K-Staters and the people of Kansas consider Kite’s to be the very best.”

To support Kite’s as the Ultimate College

Sports Bar, interested persons can visit www.redshirtfiles.com and cast votes before midnight Sunday.

To show thanks for all of the support, Kite’s plans to have a celebration later, win or lose, that will include a pig roast and T-shirts.

Parkinson agrees to coal plant compromise

By Aaron Weiser
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The Sunflower Electric Power Corporation’s proposal for a cleaner coal plant in southwest Kansas has been passed, according to a Sunflower Electric press release.

Gov. Mark Parkinson signed a renewable energy bill Friday as part of his agreement to overcome the 19-month feud between Sunflower and the governor’s office.

The new deal allows the construction of a coal-powered plant – though one much smaller than the original plans called for – outside of Holcomb, Kan. The bill also calls for renewable energy sources, like wind, to provide 20 percent of the public utilities’ electricity by 2020.

Parkinson’s plan also includes updates for transmission lines. This will allow the current wind farms to tie in to the new system.

“We’re not going to be able to fully develop the wind capacity in Kansas unless we have transmission capability,” said House Speaker

Mike O’Neal, R-Hutchinson.

According to a Sunflower press release, the corporation will be allowed to build an 895-megawatt plant, with enough storage to provide power to approximately 448,000 households. Sunflower agreed to work toward off-setting potential carbon-dioxide emissions, which are estimated to be 6.7 million tons per year.

Sunflower had applied for a permit in 2006 to build its plant with three generating units at 2,100 megawatts. They were denied early due to carbon emissions, and the company fought for two years at the state level before the agreement was reached.

The Environmental Protection Agency determined that too much about this project has been altered to allow Sunflower to move ahead with its initial permit, according to David Bryan, spokesman for the EPA’s regional office in Kansas City.

“We believe the proposal by Sunflower is a new project,” Bryan said. “That means we expect a public comment period, a technical analysis, all the things that need to be done.”

K-State graduates promoted in USDA by Obama administration

By Hannah Blick
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Two K-State alumni were promoted in the U.S. Department of Agriculture by the Obama administration recently.

Patty Clark will serve as the Kansas state director for rural development, and Adrianna Polansky will serve as the Kansas state executive director for the farm service agency, both at the USDA. The promotions were announced June 30.

Clark graduated in 1974 with a bachelor’s degree in animal science and has served as

director of operations for the Kansas Leadership Center in Wichita.

Clark said her time as a K-State agriculture student helped prepare her for this new position.

“Networking – there aren’t many places in Kansas where I don’t know somebody,” she said. “My time in Manhattan and at K-State introduced me to so many people, and that’s going to be a huge benefit for this position.”

Clark said she is looking forward to getting back to working in both the agricultural and rural development fields.

“I spent two and a half days on the campus in February, and it really made me homesick for those fields,” she said. “They are my passions.”

Polansky also credited K-State with helping him develop into the agriculture professional he is today.

“It’s like I always say: ‘Manhattan isn’t heaven, but it’s as close as you can get on Earth,’” he said.

Polansky has served as secretary of agriculture for the state of Kansas since 2003; he graduated with a bachelor’s degree in agronomy in 1972. He said today’s agriculture students should try to fo-

cus on bio-sciences, as there will be many career opportunities in the agriculture fields in the future. Polansky will be involved in a panel addressing the biofuel industry from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Monday in K-State Student Union Room 212.

Fred Cholick, dean of the College of Agriculture, said he has worked with Polansky and Clark on several occasions.

He said Polansky is a good fit for his new position because he is active in production agriculture, owning a 1,900 acre farm and wholesaler seed company. He also said Polansky has a clear understanding of legislative ac-

tivity and cares about biological and environmental issues.

“He brings a much-needed perspective of serving agriculture and the community,” Cholick said.

Cholick said Clark’s enthusiasm and knowledge of the challenges that face rural areas make her the best candidate for her new appointment. He also said she is well-rounded and grounded in rural communities and is passionate about developing local pride.

Cholick said both appointments are a point of pride for K-State.

“I look at both of these positions as an opportunity

for us to continue strong relationships with federal groups,” Cholick said.

He said both alumni have visited K-State since they’ve graduated to give speeches and meet with agriculture faculty and students. Cholick expects both Polansky and Clark to continue to accept invitations to present at their alma mate and that their new positions will give them a new perspective to share.

“This will give our ag students more opportunities to learn from alums and opportunities to become successful alums,” he said. “Their promotions are very well deserved.”

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WAMEGO | Local dedication, community financial contributions make 28-minute display possible

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“When large companies started doing the displays, the quality really suffered,” he said. “If Wamego doesn’t provide reasons for people to stay here for the Fourth, they’ll leave and go to the lake or other cities. It gets families to come back.”

SATURDAY, 8:30 A.M.

“Let’s see, it’s 8:30 ... Yeah, we’re kicking butt!”

This assurance from Lanny Bosse, the Pyro Crew’s other leader, comes after a quick survey of the four ball diamonds where two dozen men set up shell canisters and position sandbags.

Though there are 14 state-certified pyrotechnicians on the crew this year, Hupe said the event depends on the efforts of the entire community.

“I have my main crew ... but there are other guys who help us set up in the morning and high-school kids who help pick up the debris after the show,” he said.

Contributions for the show come from local businesses and community members, who then

receive passes to a seating area about 75 yards from the staging area – close enough for spectators to see the men hand-lighting the shots.

“My first year, I blew my earplugs off and my helmet off – it was chaos,” said Lance White, a nine-year crew veteran. “At the end of the show, you’ve got 14 sweaty guys running around, high-fiving, hopefully with 10 fingers.”

SATURDAY, 10:28 P.M.

As the last embers of 24,000 shells faded out of the sky and a crowd of several thousand people roars its approval, Hupe’s motivation for organizing the event – one which Bosse said involves “a lot of hot Fourth of July days” – becomes clearer.

“I always say that there’s only a couple jobs in the world where you can instantly provide people with that thrill, where you can see that euphoria on their faces, and this is one of them,” Hupe said. “The only other one is being a rock star ... and I’m never going to be a rock star. So this is my contribution to that joy – my thrill.”

THUNDER | Carnival, band add to local celebration

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As seamless of a process as it might seem, months of planning go into the annual display. According to Gail Lortscher, owner of Little Apple Amusement, the entire process for this year’s festivities began Dec. 1, 2008.

“I got the pleasure this last year of helping [Dara’s Fast Lane co-owner] Jan Darrah get some things arranged,” Lortscher said. “There was a big checklist and Jan did such a great job coordinating everything.”

Lortscher said there was some hesitance in presenting Thunder Over Manhattan this year due to the economic slump. But the general consensus was it was especially important to do something like this for the town.

“We thought we need to pick everyone up; it’s the celebration of our country, and we have to have that,” Lortscher said. “This is the time more than any to do something special for everyone. There were free things for the kids to do, and they just light up, their faces light up. And when the parents find out they don’t have to pay for the carnival the night just goes wonderfully.”

Zack Hamm, senior in music, said he was impressed by the

whole event.

“I think they did a fantastic job of putting this whole thing on,” Hamm said. “I had no idea there was a band, train rides, games, food vendors and all that.”

Hamm also said the rain seemed to hold off just until the end, making a special night for family and friends that much more magical.

“I’ve been to several firework shows,” Hamm said. “But I forget every year how peaceful a moment like this is, when everyone is gathered together. All in all it was an impressive production. We’ll definitely be here next year.”

JUNCTION | Military families enjoy parade, fireworks

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up and extend their hand. You can tell there is a lot of pride here.”

Christopher Backman, role player lead for eagle support at the base in Fort Riley, said Junction City and Fort Riley residents should be proud of their strong Independence Day traditions.

“This solidifies unity between Fort Riley and Junction City, especially for the families during a time of war,” he said. “It reinforces the reason why we stand for freedom.”

For Junction City residents like Christina Tucker, Sundown Salute is a chance to remember the friendships that come and go with military moving into the area.

“I’ve gotten to know a lot of soldiers and families,” Tucker said. “It’s always sad when they leave, so this is my chance to celebrate them.”

As solemn-faced soldiers marched by Saturday, guns and flags tightly gripped, proud spouses snapped photos and children stopped dodging for candy to watch

them.

Leticia Zuniga’s husband, Pfc. Christopher Zuniga, also marched in the parade Saturday morning. As she watched her three young children running out to grab candy and enjoying the sun, she said she isn’t always sure if they know what a big job their dad does, but thinks seeing him in the parade was important.

“They’ve been looking forward to this all week,” she said. “This is very good for our family, good for my kids.”

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